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May 19th, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you to STEM Minds for their visits to our classes from Kindergarten to Grade 3 this past week. Our students had fun using coding and robotics to solve puzzles together in their interactive workshops!

Please note that this Monday, May 22nd is Victoria Day and the school is closed. Moreover, a friendly reminder that our York Region Public Health Immunization Clinic will take place on Friday, May 26th, 2023 for our Grade 7 & 8 students beginning at 8:25 am.

Lastly, we are looking forward to our 'Slime the Principal Day' on Friday as we celebrate our Grand Prize from our Halloween Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser! On this day, every student will have their chance to slime Mr. Modica.

Please see the information below for the week of Monday, May 22nd, 2023 at Holy Spirit CES.

Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

The Big Box of Card orders have arrived at Holy Spirit. Small orders will be going home directly with students on Tuesday, May 23rd. Larger orders will be available for pick up on Thursday, May 26th, 2023 after school from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in our main foyer.



Holy Spirit 25th Anniversary Invitation

Our 25th School Anniversary Mass and Celebration will be taking place on Monday, June 19th, 2023. Please see the invitation attached in the email for details as well as the Google Form to RSVP. Seats for the Mass and the celebration that follows will only be available for those who RSVP. Lastly, parking is limited at the school. We encourage our school community to walk to the events where possible or to please carpool and use street parking where available. We hope you will be able to join us.

Please note, that information regarding ordering food/beverages for the CSC BBQ will be available through Munch-A-Lunch. Please see the flyers emailed today for more details.

Rising Stars Summer Program: Registration Now Open

Please see the poster below for a link to information on the Rising Stars Summer Soccer program.

Bike to School Week is May 29-June 2

Bike to School Week takes place from May 29-June 2, 2023. When cycling, please remind students to remember to:

Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.

- Air Brakes Chain Check your bike tires, brakes, and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the <u>Government of Ontario's</u> bicycle safety information.
- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.
- Please see the fact sheet below for more safety tips.

Prevention of Tick Bites

Please review York Region's <u>Fight the Bite</u> fact sheet to help minimize exposure to black-legged ticks when enjoying the outdoors:

- Wear light-coloured clothing, long pants, long-sleeved tops, socks, and closed-toe footwear
- Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin
- In wooded areas or areas of brush and parks, stay on paths (middle of the trail)
- After being outdoors, search your body for ticks especially in the following areas: behind your knees, on your head, belly button, underarm areas, groin, and back
- Shower when you get home to remove unattached ticks
- Check yourself, your family, and your pets for ticks
- Remove attached ticks from the body as quickly as possible

Reminder: EQAO Dates

This year our EQAO dates will be the following:

Gr. 6 Monday, May 29th, 2023 - Monday, June 5th

Gr. 3: Monday June 5th, 2023 - Friday, June 9th, 2023

We ask that Parent(s) and Guardian(s)

- Wherever possible, please avoid appointments during these dates
- Make sure students arrive at school on time at 8:25 am.
- Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast
- Ensure that your child has a good night's sleep and that they go to bed early, so they are well-rested and alert for the test.
- Send your child with a quiet activity to complete when they are done their section of the assessment

Spirit Wear Is Available!

Our school spirit wear is available for purchase. If you are interested in ordering please visit our virtual store: https://stores.inksoft.com/holy_spirit/shop/home

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

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Important Dates:

Mon. May 22nd	Victoria Day: No School
Tues. May 23 rd	Big Box of Cards (Small Orders) to go home with students
Wed. May 24th	Hot Lunch: Pizza
Thurs. May 25 th	Big Box of Cards Pick Up (Large Orders) 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Fri. May 26th	 Hot Lunch: A & W YRPH Immunization Clinic: Gr. 7 & 8 Luke 4:18 Symposium Slime the Principal Day



Cycling Safety Factsheet

Be Seen - Be Heard - Be Safe

Did you know?

Ontario law requires that you equip your bike with:

- ✓ White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks.
- A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise
- A bell or horn that works



Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear an approved bicycle helmet